Tenders for oil and gas exploration

81. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have asked for bids or floated tenders for the exploration of oil and gas in Saurashtra and other parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the places fixed for exploration;

(c) when the preliminary suryeys were made for the places fixed for exploration in Gujarat; and

(d) what is the revised estimate of crude oil and gas deposits in Gujarat and in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Bids have been invited from experienced international companies by Government for 27 blocks (Offshore) in various basins of India including one block in the Saurashtra Offshore comprising an area of 20500 sq. km. for exploration of hydrocarbons.

(c) ONGC has been carrying out exploration for oil and gas in various parts of Gujarat since 1956-57.

(d) The estimate of balance recoverable reserves of oil and gas in Gujarat and in the country as on January 1, 1985, are an under:—

	Gujarat	Country
Crude Oil (MMTs)	86.6	795
Gas (BM)3	21.87	479

Thermal power project at Mejiaj, West Bengal

82. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in respect of the proposed 1260 MW Thermal Power Project at Mejia in West Bengal; and

(b) by when it is expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The approval of Government for setting up of a 630 MW (3 x 210 MW) Thermal Power Station at Mejia in Bankura district of West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs. 566.00 crores, was accorded on 20th March, 1986.

Issue of second LPG cylinder to Delhi Consumers

83. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 197 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether dealers of INDANE have started releasing additional LPG cylinders to the consumers in Delhi;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the release of second cylinder is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Liberal release of second cylinders by Indian Oil Corporation in Delhi was restricted with the onset of the last winter and the increased demand for LPG during that period. Release of the second cylinder is being resumed.

सरगुजा जिले में भूगर्भ-सर्वेक्षण

84. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरगुजा जिले के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में कोयले के लिये भूगर्भ सर्वेक्षण पूरा कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) सर्वेक्षण की रिपोर्ट क्या है ;